IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Norman et al Appl. No. : 10/821,658

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For : DETECTING SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN

CONTAINERS USING HIGH-ENERGY GAMMA

RAYS EMITTED BY FISSION PRODUCTS

Examiner : Palabrica

Group Art Unit: 3663

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits for the amended claims below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.